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Applicant: Ross A. Donnelly et al.

Assignee: Synopsys, Inc.

Title: MULTIPLE PASS OPTIMIZATION FOR AUTOMATIC
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION

Initial Comments

Claims 12-18 are pending in the present application.
Claims 12-18 are allowed. Claims 1-11 and 19-20 are cancelled
herein.

In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 1-11 and 19-20.

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